manual; if so, whether rabi crops have also been affected in other districts due to decrease in the area cultivation of rabi crop, low rain fall and nonavailability of water on time;

(b) whether Government are formulating any scheme to provide benefit of input subsidy and other grant-in-aid to the State for the affected areas of rabi crop, besides drought affected areas; and

(c) if so, by when, the input subsidy would be provided to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As reported by the State Government, Anawari of rabi crop was also carried out. The results of this exercise have not been communicated to the Central Government.

(b) and (c) Agriculture input subsidy is already admissible from the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and State Government is competent to sanction it in suitable cases.

Insurance claims of farmers in Andhra Pradesh

1768. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that insurance daims of more than 8,000 farmers from Adilabad District of Andhra Pradesh, for damage to cotton crop, have not been settled;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in setting their claims; and

(c) what steps are beiftg taken to settle their claims, at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) has not been directed to settle these claims immediately in respect of cotton crop for 38 Mandals of Adiiabad district of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Settlement of these claims were delayed because correct and revised yield data based on which the admissible claims are calculated by the IA was received from the State very late.

(c) The IA has already been directed to Sttle the admissible claims expeditiously.